

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 16th MARCH, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillor A. Wilkinson, Mayor in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Anderson, Blackburn, Cummings, Glover, Mrs. J. Heron, R. Heron, Nairns, Mrs. Richardson, Robinson, Robson, Tate, Todd, Mrs. Turner, Wallace. (16).

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Mayor made the following statement:-

'To advise both Members of the Council and members of the public that the Meeting may be recorded by both audio and video and photographs may also be taken. Indeed the Town Council are recording the Meeting, in accordance with their adopted policy. Any objections to this should be stated before the commencement of the Meeting.'

1. Apologies for Absence

The following apologies for absence were formally submitted, recorded and APPROVED by Members:-

Cllrs. Hepple and Mrs. Storey both of whom were ill. (2)

2 To receive, accept and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 16th February, 2015

The Minutes having been distributed to Members it was MOVED by Councillor Wallace and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Adamson and RESOLVED that they be accepted as a true and correct record.

3 To consider matters arising from Minutes

None raised.

4 To Record Declarations of Interest from Members for any item on the Agenda

Councillor Cummings made a declaration in respect of Item 7 as a Member of the Sunderland City Council Development Control Committee

Councillor Wallace made a declaration as a Member of Hetton Heritage Society

5 Reports from Members – Ward matters to be investigated:-

Councillor Heron highlighted that the dog waste collection bins at All Saints Drive were not being emptied.

Cllr Mrs. Anderson reported that residents in Caroline Street were very concerned about speeding traffic and asked that Police and City Highways be advised to look for a solution.

Cllr Tate reported that traffic was now speeding at the High Moorsley turning circle (new road surface).

Cllr Nairns with support from Cllr Robson reported the urgent need for the cleaning of Hetton Burn, which had been severely littered with plastic bottles etc. in the area of rear of Willis Garage/Welfare Road

Cllr Wallace made comment that there was a need for City Council 'hit squad' litter pick in the town centre. He also stated that since the withdrawal of daily road sweeper person service this was a great miss.

Cllr Wilkinson commented on the ongoing litter at the footpath under the railway bridge, rear of Fox and Hounds and suggested this may be a suitable location for covert CCTV cameras to be installed to try and catch culprits.

6 Public Participation

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to allow public participation, seven members of the public were in attendance:-

Mr. A. Jackson, on behalf of Hetton Heritage Group, referred to their letter sent to Sunderland City Council concerning the state of Hetton House and what the position regarding sale and re-development. He referred to the loss of other Hetton historic buildings, St. Nicholas Church etc.

Mrs. C. Scott attending the meeting for the first time also referred to St. Nicholas Churchyard and the need for clarification regarding access, maintenance and to preserve the tomb of Nicholas Wood and requires council support and reassurance on matters.

Mrs. K. Rowham stated if clarification could be provided about the preparation of Agenda, items for HTC meetings and three clear day publications of such.

Mrs. A. Campbell again asked about the situation and clarification regarding the leave of absence granted to Cllr Mrs. Blackburn by HTC.

7 The Mayor thanked the persons for their contribution and re-commenced the formal Meeting

8 Report of a meeting held on 10th March, 2015 concerning B1284 North Road Traffic concerns, the Town Clerk gave a verbal report stating all issues both HTC and residents were raised with appropriate City Council Offices and these to be examined and any recommended action be reported back to HTC in six months

- 9 C.D.A.L.C. – The Audit Process and Annual Returns Training Day 24th March, 2015, Durham County Hall**
- a. ‘Your Region, Your Council, Your Future’ – Regional Seminar, Durham County Hall, 28th March, 2015
 - b. Legal Topic Note: No. 5 – New legislation regarding conduct of Meetings, recording and attendance of public

This agreed and incorporated into Formal Standing Orders in the new Civic Year.

10 Freedom of Information and Publication Scheme, NALC publication to consider and adopt in new Civic Year 2015/16

11 Correspondence from City of Sunderland Deputy Chief Executive in response to Petition submitted 22nd January, 2015 regarding road layout and traffic control at Regent Street and Hetton Downs

The correspondence was distributed to Members and the response examined and noted.

12 Hetton Lyons Country Park, Schedule of Programme of Events, provided by Springboard, was distributed to Members.

Signed
Councillor A. Wilkinson
Mayor